Faculty of Health Sciences Joint Health and Safety Committee (JHSC) Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. Kelly Boardroom, Macklem House/Zoom

Attendees: Logan Bale DBMS USW Local 2010

Lisa Butler Public Health Sciences QUFA Sharon David SRT MGMT

Guilherme de Freitas PSAC 901 unit 1

Christine Irving FHS Ops MGMT

Dan Langham EH&S

Allison Mackey Nursing MGMT

Minutes: Tammy Henry FHS Ops

Co-Chairs: Yat Tse DBMS MGMT

Worker co-chair vacant

Regrets: Anne Biggar CCTG Non-union

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Department Heads

Y. Tse (Co-Chair) called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

1) Approval of the Agenda

Approved by G. de Freitas seconded by S. David

Approval of the minutes May 29, 2024

Approved by C. Gilmour and seconded by B. Fudge

2) New Business

2.1 Review inspection teams

Y. Tse spoke about how he has reorganized inspection teams now that we have a few new members on the committee. There are now five complete teams. There have been some readjustments made to inspections that teams are responsible for as sometimes there is a conflict of interest in inspecting certain spaces. These readjustments will also now allow an even workload for all teams.

2.2 Response: 82/84 Barrie St, SON, Neuro/Abramsky, SOM Level 3,4 EDIIA office in SOM, classroom spaces in SOM, CCTG 1st floor

- S. David reported on responses from 82-84, SON, Neuro/Abramsky. There was a concern regarding the current safety officer for neurosciences. Y. Tse will contact the manager in neurosciences to ensure that the appropriate person has been assigned as safety officer.
- C. Gilmour reported on SOM Level 3, 4, EDIIA office, common areas in SOM. These are very well maintained areas so therefore there were only minor issues, which have been resolved.
- G. de Freitas reported on the CCTG 1st floor. There were only a few issues in the area. These issues were heating and ventilation related as well as the ongoing issue of cleaning that custodial services is responsible for.

3) Other Business

3.1 D. Langham report

D. Langham said that facilities has sent out information related to temperature now we are approaching a warm fall. Many buildings don't have air conditioning so therefore there are strategies for the use of fans and other ways to stay cool as the heat continues into the fall months. Please be reminded that this is the time of the year that some animals will take shelter in buildings. EH&S works with two pest control companies and therefore please reach out if you need a pest control company to be dispatched to your building. Bat rabies is in the news as a human case has been contracted recently in Ontario. EH&S has revised their bat safety bulletin, and it will be sent out to safety officers soon.

A safety officer training session will be held in November. The 2024 copy of the green book, which is the Occupational Health and Safety Act and Standards have been sent to departments. Please contact EH&S if you haven't received one. EH&S has emailed the 2024 Policy Statement for Environmental Health and Policy Statement on Environmental Management. Please ensure when you are doing inspections that these updated policy statements are posted on safety boards.

The 2023 injury statistics packages are being created for joint health and safety committees.

Y. Tse stated that the committee requires a worker/co-chair. D. Langham outlined how the process works, and shared that it isn't an onerous task. The

Co-Chair is asked to chair the meetings half of the time as well as being involved in setting the agenda and ensuring that inspections are being done in a timely matter.

4) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Minutes approved by:

Co-Chair Y. Tse (Worker Co-Chair position is vacant)